

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Keiichi SHIMIZU et al.
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EXAMINER:

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), Applicants request that the reference(s) cited on attached form PTO-1449 (copies of which are enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104. This Statement is being filed under one of the following provisions of § 1.97:

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- [] the fee set forth in § 1.17(p); or
- [] the statement specified in § 1.97(e).

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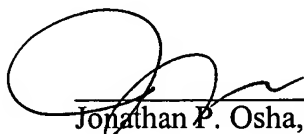
- (1) the statement specified in § 1.97(e); and
- (2) the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

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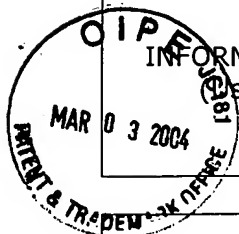
Respectfully submitted,

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	A1	Toyota Vitz; "Electrical Wiring Diagram"; 2/6/1999; 4 pgs.

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